

Wildlife Restoration/Hunter Education Advisory Team



Advisory 2020-006: Hunter Education Facilities & Programs

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1. May we fund a portion of a new education complex to support Hunter Education and other R3 activities?

Discussion: Facilities may be eligible using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(c) (Basic Hunter Education or R3), or using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 (Enhanced Hunter Education/R3), or using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(b) (Traditional Wildlife Restoration), depending on the type and components of the facility. For example, a display of Traditional Wildlife Restoration research project results that informs the public about benefits and accomplishments of the Traditional Wildlife Restoration program would be eligible for funding with Traditional Wildlife Restoration funds.

Advisory: Yes, construction or operations and maintenance of a new education complex that will support, or partially support, hunter education and related R3 activities may be eligible using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(c) (Basic Hunter Education or R3), or using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 (Enhanced Hunter Education/R3), or using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(b) (Traditional Wildlife Restoration) if costs are proportional to grant objectives and outcomes, necessary and reasonable, and properly allocated. The agency will need to track future uses of the facility.

2. Are the costs for the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) eligible for WSFR funding?

Advisory: The costs for the SCTP or NASP are considered eligible using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(c)(4) (R3) or funds at 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 (Enhanced Hunter Education/R3). These programs may be eligible using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(c) (Basic Hunter Education) if they include a hunting component. Note that if a State wishes to use funds under 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 (Enhanced Hunter Education) for any purpose eligible under the Act (see 16 U.S.C. 669h-1(a)(1)(B)), then it must fully obligate its current year 16 U.S.C. 669c(c) (Basic Hunter Education) apportionment (subaccount #5221 or #5251) for activities listed at 16 U.S.C. 669g(b).

3. Is funding the Local Sportsman's Grant Program eligible using *hunter recruitment and recreational shooting recruitment* funding under Modernizing PR?

Discussion: The Local Sportsman's Grant program is a competitive grant program that supports funding to nonprofit hosted hunting and angling R3 camps that support the State fish and wildlife agency's R3 mission.

Advisory: This grant program could be eligible using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669c(c) (R3) or using funds at 16 U.S.C. 669h-1 (Enhanced Hunter Education/R3) if the State identifies how this approach achieves its WSFR objectives and are necessary and reasonable. The activities must be linked back to an eligible purpose under the grant. It should be a well written proposal supporting program objectives, what is being achieved, and supporting metrics. Some camp activities (e.g. tree identification, harvesting mushrooms, butterfly walks) may not be eligible, other activities (e.g. hunter education training, target shooting) if in an approved grant would be eligible costs. The costs must be properly allocated to eligible activities. The activities should also have an evaluation component that allows the agency to evaluate if the activity/funding is achieving its R3 goals.